

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 691  
By Womack

A RESOLUTION to congratulate and commend Deborah Ruth Ketchersid on her outstanding work and exemplary performance as the Middle Tennessee State University legislative intern for Senator Andy Womack.

WHEREAS, through the course of each legislative session, there have emerged certain individuals who far exceed the basic requirements set forth for them to follow; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Ruth Ketchersid has distinguished herself as one such individual through her hard work and tireless efforts as a legislative intern for Senator Andy Womack and his staff, Sandi Jones and Jacqueline Nash; and

WHEREAS, Debbie is currently attending Middle Tennessee State University; she is majoring in History and minoring in Political Science and Secondary Education; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ketchersid is a native Tennessean who hails from beautiful Rhea County; she is the third child of proud parents Dr. William and Lee Ketchersid and has two brothers, Bill and John, and one sister, Beth; and

WHEREAS, she has experienced the finer points of the Tennessee General Assembly and has especially enjoyed commuting to Nashville, preparing Senator Womack's session packets, observing the Senate in action and meeting Governor Don Sundquist; and

WHEREAS, she has also enjoyed the great things that come from being a legislative intern from MTSU, such as fresh doughnuts on Wednesday, Team Womack staff meetings,

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hanging with Beecher in the copy room, receiving the worldly advice of the King of Fashion and Social Graces, Mr. Robert Vick, on a daily basis and the camaraderie of her fellow interns of the General Assembly, including those unfortunate soul she nailed on the head with a racquetball as she triumphed over her lesser skilled opponents during a heated match; and

WHEREAS, she has become acquainted with the things that make the Tennessee General Assembly truly unique, such as the massive daily paperwork, the never-ending legislative bill calendars, the wonderful constituents of the 16<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District, the fresh air of the Legislative Plaza and the importance of numerical order; and

WHEREAS, her internship experience will stand her in good stead as she pursues a career as an educator and berry farmer, (who knows the importance of fertilizer) after having had the opportunity to watch the members of the Senate and special interest groups in action; and

WHEREAS, all too soon, Debbie will never again as an intern view legislative battles from the stage of the committee room, be sent on missions for more coffee or copies, be requested to file or to schedule another appointment or discuss the importance of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright; and

WHEREAS, the only things, besides a congratulatory resolution that could make her internship more complete would be her own personal lane on I-24, a 500-acre raspberry farm in Rhea County, chocolate shakes delivered to her every day from Elliston Place Soda Shop, an all-expense-paid trip to the beach for a month and an eternity of free lunches from Monell's, none of which were included in any of the budget amendments she filed with the Senate Finance Committee to obtain the necessary funding; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Ruth Ketchersid has performed her duties and many responsibilities with extraordinary grace and decorum, which in the words of the Speaker of the Senate translates to "She was good"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and congratulate Deborah Ruth Ketchersid on her outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Andy Womack, and his staff, Sandi Jones and Jacqueline Nash and express our deepest appreciation and thanks to her. We wish Debbie every good thing in life and success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That three (3) appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.